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ORDERLY BOOK OF CAPTAIN SHARP DELANY, THIRD BATTALION PENNSYLVANIA MILITIA, JULY 16–25, 1776.

[The Third Battalion, when organized in 1775, was commanded by Col. John Cadwalader, with John Nixon, Lieutenant Colonel, and Thomas Mifflin and Samuel Meredith, as Majors, and was composed of one company of Light Horse, four companies of light artillery, and fourteen companies of infantry. The Orderly Book is among the Cadwalader Papers, in the Manuscript Department of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.]

CAMP AT TRENTON,
July 16, 1776.

General Orders, that the Pennsylvania troops to march to Woodbridge with all possible dispatch—as fast as wagons can be provided and there to wait the orders of the commanding officer. Returns to be made of the number of men in each company of the several corps, and the commissaries to take a page with which we have been supplied, that they may be provided if any articles is wanted—the second battalion to provide a sergeant and twelve men, to attend the Deputy Quarter-Master General.

JOHN CADWALADER,
Colonel 3d battalion Militia

CAMP AT TRENTON
July 16, 1776.

Permit John Lord of Captain McElwain's, and James Guy of Captain Gurney's Company 3d battalion Philadelphia Militia to pass to New York, they being ordered there by the commander-in-chief. The commissaries are requested to furnish the above named men with provisions, the commanding officer of the first battalion, now on their

march to Woodbridge, is desired to suffer their baggage to be put into his waggons.

JOHN CADWALADER,
Colonel 3d battalion Militia.

To all Continental Officers
and others whom it may
concern.

ORDERS 3D BATTALION,
July 17, 1776.

The companies to parade at Seven O'clock to morrow morning, for the manual exercise, marching and wheeling, to continue under arms one hour. The captains to make a list of the sizes of the muskets in their respective companies, and compare the said list with the ammunition belonging to each company, and report immediately to the Colonel. It is expected the Return required in the Orders this morning, will be delivered to the Sergeant Major early to-morrow morning. When any man is taken ill, he must immediately [report] to the hospital, unless his disease is infectious, in which case he is to be removed to some distant place—the surgeon to keep the number of men in the hospital, the time they come there, when discharged, and the disorder, and report the same to the Colonel. Every Wednesday morning when a man is discharged from the hospital, he may be excused from duty at the discretion of the surgeon. The Fife Major must take out drums & all the fifers every morning to practice, and make a return as soon as he comes in of the absentees, and is to take particular care that the drums and Fifes are kept in good order. A Sergeant, one Corporal of every company must be constantly in the way.

CAMP WOODBRIDGE
July 21, 1776.

The Quarter-Master is to prepare two necessary houses, one for the officers and the other for the privates; these are to be filled up every four days and new ones dug, as the filth of the camp is a matter of utmost consequence & to be ob-

served in every particular, and it is expected that all filth of every kind will be removed constantly at a distance from the camp, and no person on any account will be suffered the use of any other place near the camp. Every person is strictly enjoined not to take or cut up any rails, or do any other damage to the inhabitants. A detachments must be formed to day to reinforce different posts under this command; all the companies must be immediately paraded, and the officers are desired to inspect the arms and the accoutrements of every man and see that he is supplied with twenty-three rounds of cartridges. Each battalion company will furnish one man for Camp Collorman. Guards to be mounted at 9 o'clock in the morning.

General Orders.

Parole, *Congress.* Counter Sign, *Washington.*

Quarter and Rear guard to be relieved, and to duty agreeably to the Orders of yesterday. The third to furnish the Sergeant and twelve men to the Quarter Master General's guard to morrow; the Officer of the guard go the rounds regularly and not suffer more than ten men at one time to leave the guard tent—to send a patrol round the encampment of each corps one hour after, and to see that the sentenals entertain no person after that hour, and to see that Sentries are all at their posts.

JOHN CADWALADER,
Of the battalion.

CAMP TRENTOWN
July 17, 1776.

Parole, *Philadelphia.* Counter Sign, *Lee.*

John Cadwader, third battalion, Orders to battalion 17 July, 1776.

The battalion to-morrow, move as soon as the Waggons can be provided. A baggage and a rear guard of twelve men each to be provided—the Commanding Officer is to mount a proper guard as soon as he arrives at quarters, and give positive orders that the men may arrive at their quar-

ters at ten o'clock, and to order the officer of the guard to see that all the candles be put out at that time.

JOHN CADWALADER.

CAMP WOODBRIDGE
July 21, 1776.

[Parole], *Charleston.* Counter Sign, *Lee.*

The following parties are to be visited and reinforced by detachments viz: Captain Gurney's Company at Eadger's landing; Captain Faulkner 28, and Captain Boyer 30, New Bleasing Star; Captain Delaney at the Old Bleasing Star; Captain Fitzsimons and 8 men from Captain Boyer to Smith's Farm Captain McIlwain 32 men at magazine. The above detachments will march to-morrow morning at five to their respective posts. Those posts that are to be reinforced, to have orders to be given in the morning for the detachment for Edger's landing; Old Bleasing Star, and Magazine.

CAMP WOODBRIDGE 21st JULY 1776.

General Orders.

The Woodbridge command includes all the posts from Rawway river to Woodbridge creek.

The commanding officers at the different posts, will station his centinals along the shore at proper distances & in proper situations, and give strict orders that the duty be done regularly. The officers of the guard are to keep their men to their stations at the guard houses, or Tents, that they may always be ready to turn out upon an alarm, or when the General or Field officers visit the posts, and not to suffer more than two men at a time to be absent, and to make a report in writing every morning to the commanding officer of the post, mentioning extraordinary occurrances, if any happen.

If the Enemy should much increase in number, erect any material works, or if any thing extraordinary should happen, an express must be sent, with all expedition to the commanding officer at Woodbridge.

No officer or private must be suffered to be out of Camp or Quarters without leave from the commanding officer. The utmost care must be taken that there is no waste of ammunition, & positive orders given that no rails be destroyed, nor any injury be done to the Inhabitants or their property. Every opportunity must be taken (without fatiguing the men), to exercise the men. The utmost endeavours must be used to stop and prevent all the Enemy's boats from passing. It is expected that the commanding officer at each post will give positive orders to have the quarters and camps kept clean, as the health of the men very much depends on it.

The arms and ammunition to be inspected twice a day.

OLD BLAZING STAR, JULY 22d 1776.

Orders for the party stationed there.

Guards to consist of 1 Officer 1 Sergeant 1 Corporal and 16 privates—and Centries to be fixed in the four places appointed, the extremeties to have double centries, who are to suffer no boat to land or pass up the sound,—to challenge every person and secure them, unless they give the countersign—to give particular attention to every thing that passes on Staten Island—and if any unusual stir or the noise of oars are heard, to immediately give notice to the Officer of the Guard—the Centeries to be relieved with as little noise as possible every two hours and their duty plainly and particularly pointed out, the Men to have all their arms and accoutrements ready to turn out at a minutes warning.

SHARP DELANY.

Parole, *Lee.* Counter, *Charlestown.*

OLD STAR, JULY 23rd 1776.

Orders for the Day:—

On acct of the Enemy collecting their Shallops & Boats at the lower landing—besides the usual Guards, Place a Pickett of 12 men in the point of Woods adjacent to the lowest centries—the Men to have great coats, and a profound

silence observed—all challenges & reports to be made with precision, to prevent unnecessary alarms—no Drum to beat unless by my particular orders. One from each mess to be ordered every day to clean Tents & the House. No Cards to be allowed—& all profane swearing discountenanced. The country people to be used politely, & no indecent language exchanged with our Enemy, but our whole Behaviour to show the Gentleman & the Soldier. That unsoldier like unprofitable & inhuman practice of firing on Centries & on unarmed spectators, to be forborn & detested by this Company. The arms &c to be particularly regarded—& if the men are not too much fatigued, to be exercised in the afternoon. The Officer of the Day to point out their duty plainly to the Centries & frequently visit them.

Parole, *Mercer.* Counter, *Cadwalader.*

S. DELANY.

POST AT THE OLD STAR, JULY 24th 1776.

Orders for the day.

Guards to be mounted as usual, omitting the Pickett, but cautioning all the Men to be ready to turn out at a moments warning. Centries to be fixed agreeable to former orders —who are to challenge every person without distinction— and unless they Give the proper signs to secure them at every risque—to suffer no boats to pass unchallenged or any person to land here or pass over to the Island; to pay particular regard to any noise or stir among our enemy—and give notice to the Officer of the Guard on any suspicion well founded of a surprise to send immediate notice to the main Guard. The officer of the day to go the rounds frequently —and if any centry is found asleep—or off his post—the safety of the whole depending on them, he is to be put under arrest and other centry fixed; a report to be made in writing of every material transaction.

Parole, *Meredith.* Counter, *Knox.*

OLD STAR JULY 25th 1776.

Orders for the Day.

Guard & Centries as usual—Officers frequently to go the rounds in the Night—& the centries to be cautious, but steady—& no alarm given unless evidently necessary—from the great fatigue we have lately undergone—the men to be excused exercising—& an exact observance of order &c. to be followed.

Parole, *Roberdeau.* Counter, *Ewing.*

SHARP DELANY.

The Blanketts to be well dried—& the Straw of the Tents.